

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 53

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 88

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 53—Relative to the CHP Officer Christopher D. Lydon Memorial Freeway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 53, Zettel. CHP Officer Christopher D. Lydon Memorial Freeway.

This measure would dedicate the northbound and southbound portions of State Highway Route 67 between Interstate Highway Route 8 and Maplevue Street in Lakeside, California, to the memory of California Highway Patrol Officer Christopher D. Lydon and would specify that this portion of State Highway Route 67 shall be known as the "CHP Officer Christopher D. Lydon Memorial Freeway." The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate highway markers or signs showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect appropriate highway markers and signs.

WHEREAS, California Highway Patrol Officer Christopher D. Lydon, a dedicated officer, died in the line of duty at the age of 27 years while attempting to apprehend a drunk driver on southbound State Highway Route 67 at Riverford Road in the town of Lakeside on June 5, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lydon was involved in a solo vehicle traffic collision while attempting to apprehend that drunk driver; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lydon sustained fatal injuries as a result of that collision; and

WHEREAS, The errant driver was subsequently arrested and charged with drunk driving; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lydon graduated from Poway High School in 1989 and immediately enlisted as a reservist in the United States Marines Corps; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lydon was called to active duty in November 1990, and served as a Humvee driver during Operation Desert Storm before being honorably discharged from active duty in August, 1991; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lydon, prior to joining the Department of the California Highway Patrol, attended San Diego State University graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration in December, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lydon graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy on August 30, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lydon is survived by his parents, Steve and Janie Lydon, his half brother Jowell Lydon, his paternal grandmother Elizabeth Lydon, and his maternal grandfather Del Hicks; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lydon was known by his fellow officers for his dedication to the Department of the California Highway Patrol and to the protection of the citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the northbound and southbound portions of State Highway Route 67 between Interstate Highway Route 8 and Maplevue Street in the County of San Diego, be dedicated to the memory of this officer who made the ultimate sacrifice in his service to the people of the State of California; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby dedicates the northbound and southbound portions of State Highway Route 67 between Interstate Highway Route 8 and Maplevue Street in Lakeside, California, to the memory of California Highway Patrol Officer Christopher D. Lydon; and be it further

Resolved, That that portion of State Highway Route 67 be officially designated the “CHP Officer Christopher D. Lydon Memorial Freeway”; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.